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FOLLOWING REPEAT SECTO 13023 ACTION CAIRO INFO SECSTATE  
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QUOTE S E C R E T SECTO 13023

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CAIRO FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS

STATE FOR CHRISTOPHER/TARNOFF ONLY

SUBJECT MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT SADAT  
1. PLEASE INFORM PRESIDENT SADAT (PRESUMABLY THROUGH  
MUBARAK, SINCE WE UNDERSTAND SADAT IS IN ASWAN) THAT PRESIDENT  
CARTER THINKS IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THEM TO MEET DURING  
PRESIDENT'S CURRENT TRIP. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BEEN INFORMED  
BY AMBASSADOR EILTS THAT SADAT WOULD ALSO WELCOME SUCH A  
MEETING.  
2. GIVEN FACT THAT HE HAS AN EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE ON  
JANUARY 3-4, THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOW-  
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ING. HE COULD ADVANCE HIS DEPARTURE FROM RIYADH WEDNESDAY  
MORNING, JANUARY 4, AND ARRIVE IN ASWAN AT 8:50 AM. HE WOULD  
LIKE TO HOLD HIS ASWAN STOP TO ABOUT ONE HOUR IF POSSIBLE IN  
ORDER TO KEEP TO HIS SCHEDULE IN PARIS LATER THAT DAY, LEAVING  
ASWAN AT 10:05 AM. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WOULD IT BE  
CONVENIENT FOR SADAT TO MEET AT THE AIRPORT? PRESIDENT  
WOULD BE HONORED TO INVITE SADAT TO MEET WITH HIM ON AIR

FORCE ONE IF THAT WOULD FACILITATE MATTERS.

3. ALTERNATIVELY, IF SADAT WOULD PREFER, PRESIDENT WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH HIM IN RIYADH, EITHER ABOUT 10 PM EVENING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, OR FOR BREAKFAST AT 7 AM JANUARY 4. IF SADAT WOULD SEE MERIT IN THIS ALTERNATIVE, WE WOULD NEXT NEED TO CONSULT SAUDIS, WITH WHOM WE HAVE NOT BROACHED THIS IDEA PENDING SADAT'S REACTION.

4. IF SADAT AGREES TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT AS PROPOSED, PLEASE ASK HIM TO EXTEND THE PRESIDENT'S REGRETS TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT FOR THIS BRIEF INTRUSION INTO HIS VISIT TO EGYPT--THE IMPORTANCE OF WHICH HE IS CERTAIN SCHMIDT WILL UNDERSTAND.

5. PLEASE ASK WHAT SADAT'S VIEWS ARE ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. WE WILL NEED A LITTLE TIME TO INFORM ISRAELIS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND WOULD OURSELVES PREFER ANNOUNCEMENT, TO BE COORDINATED WITH EGYPTIANS, WHILE PRESIDENT IS IN NEW DELHI SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 1--PROBABLY LATE IN THE DAY NEW DELHI TIME WHICH WOULD BE EARLY AFTERNOON IN EGYPT AND EARLY MORNING IN WASHINGTON.

6. FINALLY, PLEASE TELL SADAT THE PRESIDENT VERY MUCH APPRECIATED HIS FULL REPORT ON HIS DECEMBER 25 MEETING WITH BEGIN. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO REVIEWING WHERE MATTERS STAND IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE RESULTED FROM SADAT'S BOLD INITIATIVE, AND TO HEARING /UW@ZH"-/,(0BUJW6W\_  
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